



May 13, 2011



Last Thursday, the **Solid Waste Department** entertained 82 Kindergartners from Liberty Elementary as part of their continued partnership with the



school. The children learned about the importance of recycling and had a lot of fun touring the facility. They even had a visit from Buddy Blue Bag! The Department has done several things with the school, including implementing a Blue Bag program at Liberty; reading to the Second Graders on Earth Day; and being featured on their Morning News program. The kindergartners sent a HUGE Thank you card to the Department thanking them for all their efforts. Thanks to Director **Becky Caldwell, Debbie Baxter, Cricket Crafton, Danny Harris, Mike Pierson, Nate Ridley, Chris Tackett, and Brenda Thompson** for putting it all together.

Congratulations to Fire Department **Captain Jeff Elliott** who has been selected to the new position of **Occupational Health and Safety Training Specialist** with the Human Resources Department. Jeff is a long time City employee and comes to Human Resources with numerous credentials as a training specialist. In this new position, Jeff will get the chance to work with every City department. HR/Risk is very pleased to have him as a member of their team.

Congratulations to our Planning and Sustainability Department and the City of Franklin. We submitted an application to the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in February, nominating the **Police Headquarters** for the Nashville ULI Excellence in Development Award and it was announced this week that Franklin received one of 8 awards. Westhaven was the only other Franklin project honored. The awards recognize the full development process of a project—construction, economic viability, marketing, and management—as well as design.

Steve Sims of the Revenue Management/Finance Department is this week's winner of the Mayor's parking spot. Steve was nominated by Shauna Billingsley. Shauna said,

"I overheard him talking to a citizen who needed the County's assistance and not the City's. He was patient and kind with them. He told them how to get to the County offices from Columbia and explained that they needed to allow for extra time due to the traffic conditions in south Franklin. I was very impressed with how he handled the situation." If you see someone doing a good job, please take a moment and nominate them for this one week luxury. Email agoodjob@franklin.tn.gov with your nominations. We'll keep them on file for a drawing each Monday. **Steve, you can begin your parking reign on Monday May 16. Congratulations!**

FYI: The **Pension Committee** will meet Monday, 5/16, at 4 p.m. in the City Hall Boardroom.

Stormwater Coordinator Crystal Bishop was featured in a *Tennessean* article discussing a proposal she made to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on a process to identify and name local streams and creeks. Read the article here:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110511/NEWS/305110039/Franklin-creeks-get-new-identities?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Williamson%20County|s>



Congratulations to the employees participating in the *Countdown to a New You* program! Fifty-one (51) employees attended the second weigh-in on Thursday and lost a group total of **87.5 pounds!** Sixty-one (61) employees are participating in the twelve-week program that ends on July 21st. Our lifestyle challenge this week is to Get Moving. Remember every step counts. Keep up the great work!

The **Police and Fire Departments** participated in the **Williamson County Senior Health Fair at The Factory** sponsored by the **J.L. Clay Center**. The purpose of the Health Fair was to provide information relevant to seniors and their safety. Thanks to Jamie Melton, Jeff Elliott, and Sarah Glenn from the Fire Department and Rose Steagall and Eric Johnson from the Police Department for participating.

Franklin Fire Department **Captains David Currie and Jose Periut** were part of a group from Maury County who were honored Tuesday night at the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children's [Star of Life awards ceremony](#), for helping to save the life of a 6-year old boy who accidentally lit himself on fire after reportedly using some type of accelerant too close to a bonfire. Both captains responded to the incident on December 23, 2009 with the Maury County Fire

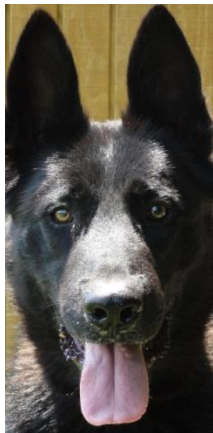


Department, where they volunteer on their days off. Jose's wife Tracey and son Jose Jr. are also volunteers who responded to the call and were also recognized during the ceremony. Here's a news story on the accident:

<http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14621570/burned-boy-family-say-thanks-to-emergency-responders>

The **Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** honored the **Franklin Police Department** at an Awards Banquet held last Saturday at The Factory. *The Inaugural Knights in Blue Gala* recognized police officers and civilian employees of the department. Congratulations to the following awards winners:

- **Chief's Award:** Sergeant Tommy Justus
- **Jackie Moore Award:** Officer Tami Crowe
- **Officer of the Year:** Officer Carlos Martin
- **Detective of the Year:** Detective Chad Black
- **Dispatcher of the Year:** Abby Gambill
- **Innovation Award:** Sergeants Scott Legieza and Don Zelaya
- **Impact Award:** Officer Chris Grant
- **Sharpshooter Award:** Officer Chris Marlow
- **Sober Streets Award:** Officer Cory Kroeger



Students in Franklin have an important assignment: name the **Police Department's new K-9. Franklin Police** are partnering with the **Franklin Special School District** to let students name the newest four-legged officer. They'll vote on four choices: Jack, Merlin, Hondo and Bolo. Results will be tabulated and announced on May 20.

Yesterday, the WAKM radio station broadcasted live from **Franklin Fire Station 3** with **Lt. Bill Fitzgerald**. They were promoting the **62nd annual Franklin Rodeo, which will take place May 19-21 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center**. Lt. Fitzgerald is the Executive Director of the annual fundraising event sponsored by the Franklin Noon Rotary Club.

Speaking of the rodeo, the **Rodeo Parade** is **tomorrow, May 14th, at 12 Noon**. The Parade begins on HWY 96 west, goes through downtown, around the Square, and down West Main Street.

Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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